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DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION

Federal Railroad Administration

[Docket No. FRA-2022-0098]

Brightline Trains Florida's Request for Approval to Field Test Positive Train Control

AGENCY: Federal Railroad Administration (FRA), U.S. Department of Transportation (DOT).

ACTION: Notice of availability and request for comments.

SUMMARY: This document provides the public with notice that on December 9, 2022, Brightline Trains Florida (BTF) submitted a document entitled, "Brightline OX Line Segment Test Request 120922," dated December 9, 2022, to FRA. BTF asks FRA to approve its request so that BTF may field test its trains that have been equipped with positive train control (PTC) technology.

DATES: FRA will consider comments received by **[INSERT DATE 60 DAYS AFTER DATE OF PUBLICATION IN THE FEDERAL REGISTER]**. FRA may consider comments received after that date to the extent practicable and without delaying implementation of valuable or necessary modifications to a PTC system.

ADDRESSES: All comments should identify the agency name and Docket Number FRA-2022-0098 and may be submitted on <https://www.regulations.gov>. Follow the online instructions for submitting comments. All comments received will be posted without change to <https://www.regulations.gov>; this includes any personal information.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Gabe Neal, Staff Director, Signal, Train Control, and Crossings Division, telephone: 816-516-7168, e-mail:

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SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: Pursuant to 49 CFR 236.1035, a railroad must obtain FRA's approval before field testing an uncertified PTC system, or a product of an uncertified PTC system, or any regression testing of a certified PTC system on the general rail system. *See* 49 CFR 236.1035(a). BTF is requesting FRA's approval to field test the Interoperable Electronic Train Management System on territory BTF owns between Cocoa Junction and the Orlando International Airport, which BTF's test request refers to as the Orlando Extension (OX) Line Segment. As discussed below, please see BTF's test request for the required information, including a complete description of BTF's Concept of Operations and its specific test procedures, including the measures that will be taken to ensure safety during testing.

BTF's test request is available for review online at <https://www.regulations.gov> (Docket No. FRA-2022-0098). Interested parties are invited to comment on the test request by submitting written comments or data. During its review of the test request, FRA will consider any comments or data submitted. However, FRA may elect not to respond to any particular comment, and under 49 CFR 236.1035, FRA maintains the authority to approve, approve with conditions, or deny the test request at its sole discretion.

Privacy Act Notice

In accordance with 49 CFR 211.3, FRA solicits comments from the public to better inform its decisions. DOT posts these comments, without edit, including any

personal information the commenter provides, to <https://www.regulations.gov>, as described in the system of records notice (DOT/ALL-14 FDMS), which can be reviewed at <https://www.transportation.gov/privacy>. See <https://www.regulations.gov/privacy-notice> for the privacy notice of regulations.gov. To facilitate comment tracking, we encourage commenters to provide their name, or the name of their organization; however, submission of names is completely optional. If you wish to provide comments containing proprietary or confidential information, please contact FRA for alternate submission instructions.

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